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IN THE CLAIMS:

A listing of the status of all claims 1-13 in the present patent application is set forth below:

1. (Original) A system for processing funds transfer transactions from a customer of a financial institution, the system comprising:

a first processor receiving a bulk file from the customer, the bulk file containing a plurality of funds transfer transactions, the first processor grouping the plurality of funds transfer transactions into funds transfer transactions requiring a foreign exchange operation, denoted as foreign exchange funds transfer transactions, and funds transactions not requiring a foreign exchange operation, denoted as same currency funds transfer transaction;

a second processor coupled to the first processor, the second processor receiving the same currency funds transfer transactions not requiring a foreign exchange operation from the first processor, the second processor generating first funds transfer instructions in response to the same currency funds transfer transactions;

a funds transfer processor coupled to the second processor, the funds transfer processor receiving the first funds transfer instructions from the second processor and executing the received first funds transfer instructions by transferring funds to a funds transfer processor of another financial institution; and

a trading processor coupled to the first processor, the trading processor receiving the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions from the first processor, the trading processor executing a foreign exchange operation in response to the received foreign exchange funds transfer transactions.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein:

the trading processor is coupled to the second processor,

the trading processor forwarding to the second processor the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions and funds resulting from the foreign exchange operation,

the second processor generating second funds transfer instructions in response to the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions and funds resulting from the foreign exchange operation, and

the funds transfer processor receiving the second funds transfer instructions from the second processor and executing the received second funds transfer instructions by transferring funds to a funds transfer processor of another financial institution.

- 3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

 a link coupling the first processor to a system of the customer, wherein the customer system transmits the bulk file to the first processor.
 - 4. (Original) The system according to claim 3, further comprising:a firewall disposed in the link coupling the first processor to the customer system.
- 5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
 a market link from the trading processor to a foreign exchange market, wherein
 the trading processor receives real time foreign exchange rates over the link.
- 6. (**Currently Amended**) A method for processing funds transfer transactions from a customer of a financial institution <u>using a processor-based system</u>, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a bulk file from the customer, the bulk file containing a plurality of funds transfer transactions;

grouping the plurality of funds transfer transactions into funds transfer transactions requiring a foreign exchange operation, denoted as foreign exchange funds transfer transactions, and funds transfer transactions not requiring a foreign exchange operation, denoted as same currency funds transfer transactions;

executing a foreign exchange operation in response to the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions to thereby generate available funds; and

settling the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions using the available funds.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of: generating funds transfer instructions in response to the same currency funds transfer transactions; and

settling the same currency funds transfer transactions in response to the funds transfer instructions.

- 8. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of:
 separating the bulk file into its component funds transfer transactions, the
 component funds transfer transactions including the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions and the same currency funds transfer transactions.
- 9. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of sending an acknowledgments to the customer upon receipt of the bulk file and upon the settlement of the funds transfer transactions.
 - 10. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of

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grouping the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions into batches according to a market in which the foreign exchange operation is to take place.

- 11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of validating the format and contents of the batches.
- 12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of validating the format and contents of the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions contained in the batches.
- 13. (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of aggregating the foreign exchange funds transfer transactions contained in the batches according to a currency of the foreign exchange operation.